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## WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Washington, March 13.—For Kansas:  
Forecast till 8 a.m. Wednesday: Fair;  
slightly cooler. Wednesday morning: north-  
westerly winds, becoming variable.GENERAL WEAVER is to speak at Clay  
Center March 20th.THE candidate is a profound student of  
geography as well as of political econ-  
omy.THERE is a great sowing of smiles and  
handshakes at the Copeland today. A  
harvest of the emoluments and honors of  
official station is expected.THE Republicans have only to act  
with wisdom, put forward their best men,  
advocate few, but cardinal principles, to  
make this a red letter year in Kansas  
party history.KANSAS CITY, (Kan.) Gazette: George  
Finley, the well-known Copeland legisla-  
tor, is the last statesman we have heard  
from to talk about "reclamations." George  
wants to be sure mine inspector might  
not be.The early birds will catch the worm  
this campaign. The Republicans are  
singing the early songs today and they  
are preparing for plenty of bait, which  
the Populists and Democrats are now  
supplying in great quantities to catch  
themselves in.

MAY ENJOIN SNIDER.

chises are traded on or handled about, by those who may receive them, to the highest bidder. The Journal believes the Harrison folks should be given the telephone franchise, but it should be given under a strict contract that those who accept it, use it, and use it within a short period of time; put up a bond to serve the city harmless in view of the overhead wires and electric dangers and to bind themselves to carry out the work.

## KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

Clay Center has organized a board for the manufacture of oil from sunflower seed.

A Horton druggist has put a snake cactus in his front window in the hope of increasing trade.

Manhattan is macadamizing some of its streets, and all the tramps now go through without stopping.

Editor Jenkins of Sterling has purchased a bicycle, and is diligently practicing up for that European tour.

An Omeida boy has started the list of spring fatalities by shooting a woman in the eye with a "bear shooter."

The wounded highwayman at Coffeyville is still strong enough to keep the people from stealing his clothes for relief.

Marble is so plenty at Topeka that they make sidewalks of it, and it makes most people feel like they were walking on tombs.

A silver baptismal bowl has been presented to the Presbyterian church at Holton, but it is understood it will be used only on the sleet.

The Atchison city council has such difficulty in getting a quorum that it is proposed to fine absent members two dollars for each offense.

The residents of Scranton are all white, not a single colored person living there, but when some of the men come from the mines, you can't always be sure.

"Hammond the Paper," is a thrilling story, with the scene laid in Summer county, which a Wellington paper is going to publish. The catastrophe is said to be when he encounters a committee on character.

Marion Times: "Where do you get those vile cigarettes that you are smoking?" asked the minister of one of its Sunday school meetings. "I buy them at Dragoon's—grocery store," replied the little victim.

## TOM REED A-FISHING.

HIS IMPROVED METHOD OF PURSUING  
THE ART.

The Secret Not Yet Divulged—Why the  
Ex-Czar Believes In Woman Suffrage.  
His Boxy Pastime In The City of Port-  
land.

(Special Correspondence.)

PORTLAND, Me., March 8.—Few addresses on the floor of congress have done more to add to the fame of the speaker than the speeches made just before the tariff bill was put to a vote in the house. The address of Mr. Wilson and that of Mr. Crisp as well were excellent examples of parliamentary debating. On the other side, that of Speaker Reed was a model, and it was eagerly read here, where he made his first political speech, and where he is known intimately by so many and by sight to almost every man, woman and child in the city. From many quarters we of Portland learn that this speech has given Mr. Reed added reputation; that it has brought to him new laurels; that he is now seen to possess even greater

charm immortalized this grove in the poem beginning:

Often I think of the beautiful town  
That I seated by the sea.  
And carrying this restraint  
A boy's will is the wind's will,  
And the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts.

One of the roads leading from the town to this grove is long and straight and admirably adapted to the invigorating sport of coasting. Whether Longfellow, as a boy, bestrode a sled and enjoyed a whizzing, breathless ride down the hill I do not know, but there are plenty of men who remember that Thomas Brackett Reed used to coasting down its steep declivity his chief winter pleasure. J. C. SEARING.

## OUR POLITICAL ECONOMY.

President Taylor of Vassar thinks We  
Have Lots of It.

President Taylor of Vassar college, spoke to the students of the high school this morning. Superintendent Davidson introduced him. He said he knew of no subject that was better to speak on than education. On the drawing of the college course he said: "Very few drift into success. Some who seem to be who is very successful and who has had but a limited education, but as a rule it is the man that is well educated that succeeds." Continuing he said:

"If a man isn't growing in mind, he had better die. You may think it is useless, perhaps, to grind away at geometry or science, but that is just the training to the mind that practice is to the baseball player. Political economy is rather dry, but you seem to have a good deal of it out in Kansas—at least we think so in the east."

In speaking of the efficiency of the women's colleges, he held that they were just as thorough as any men's college. It was plain to be seen that the professor wasn't going to forget that he is a Harvard man, for he said: "I think Harvard is the best college. It requires a higher standing for entrance, and the course is more thorough than at the other colleges."

Dr. and Mrs. Taylor were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gleed.

## EVILS OF A CHURCH SOCIAL.

It Causes a Separation Between Nick  
North and His Wife.

Vina L. North has filed a petition in the district court for a divorce from her husband, Nick T. North, the colored deputy commissioner of elections. She alleges abuse as the ground for divorce and asks for a restraining order to prevent Nick North from selling the household goods at 1328 Taylor street.

Nick North, however, tells a different story. "The trouble," he says, "began several weeks ago. My wife wanted a church social at our house, but I would not consent because I didn't want her favorite colored preacher around the house. I have good reasons for not wanting him around. We have been quarreling ever since. I asked her to get the divorce because she got a divorce from another man before she married me, and she knows best how to get about it."

"As to the charge of non-support, I give her \$5 a month for spending money, and most of my debts are discharged and other bills she has run up. Her own child as well as my own children, are dressed and fed as well as any poor man's child in town."

## HARD SLAPS AT LORDS.

House of Commons Passes a Resolution  
Abolishing House of Lords.

LONDON, March 13.—In the house of commons Mr. Labouchere's amendment to abolish the house of lords, was passed by a vote of 147 to 146, in spite of the opposition of the government.

## MISSOURI PACIFIC DIRECTORS.

St. Louis, March 13.—The following

Mr. Reed's amusements are simple. He is too busy a man to devote much time to pleasure. Perhaps the recreation that suits him most is driving about the beautiful streets of the city seated in a comfortable phaeton. He rarely goes fishing, though on one occasion he achieved a marvelous performance as an angler. He had been persuaded with some difficulty to go out with a party of fishermen, each member of which, save the excrescent, believed himself to be a skilful manipulator of lines and hooks and jointed rods and flies and all the paraphernalia of modern fishing.

Mr. Reed did not expect to be lucky and said so. But when luck came to no one a gloom settled over the professed experts of the party which even the quaint humor of the one-time "czar" could hardly dispel. Just at the moment when the spirits of the entire party were at their lowest a commotion was observed in the water, and it was noticed that Mr. Reed's line was drawn taut. All eyes were fastened upon him and his tackle, and advice of excellent quality was offered to him in superabundant quantity as to the best course to pursue in landing his prize.

He lands a fine fish.

Mr. Reed preferred, however, to manage the matter in his own way, and in due time he landed a large, handsome fish. He noticed, as did all the rest, as soon as his captive was lifted from the water, that there was something strange about the fashion of its hooking. When investigation was made, there was a general chorus of groans, for the hook, instead of being in the mouth of the fish, was inserted in its belly. This method of catching fish was unanimously declared by all present to be unsportsmanlike. It was agreed, however, that if Mr. Reed would explain to his comrades how he did it, so that all could follow his example, he would be freely and fully forgiven. This he declined to do on the ground that it was a secret method which he proposed in due time to protect by letters patent, when all, friends and enemies alike, might make free use of it by paying a proper royalty.

Mr. Reed has gone a-fishing but few times since this essay as an angler. He says his father was a confirmed fisherman, and so were his grandfather and great-grandfather, and their ancestors also, and so on indefinitely, but the fishing instinct has died out in the family.

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